were not only mechanised but the waiting period for the applicant was reduced substantially.

The Directorate of Transport, Delhi Administration has been keeping a constant vigil on the unscrupulous elements and is in close liaison with the local police to contain the situation.

Four-laning of G. T. Road

233. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Miinster of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state-

fa) the year when the work regarding four-laning of the G. T. Riad was taken up and by when the project was scheduled to be completed;

(b) whether the work between Delhi & Ambala has been held up for long; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to remove the impediments and to resume the work?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. [JNNTKRISHNAN): (a) The work of 4-laning was sanctioned in 1986 in the following Sections of G. T. Road (NH 1) with target dates of start and completion given against each:

SI. No. Section	Date of Start & target date of Completion of contracts	
1 Murthal-Karnal ..... (KM. 50 to 130) in Haryana	1-5-87	30-4-91
? Sirhind to Jalandhar in Punjab (Km. 252. 250-320. 478 & Km. 344. 500- 700)	9-4-8?	31-12-90

(b) and (c) The portion from 0 Km. to 50 Km. (upto Murthal) of Delhi-Ambala section is already 4 lane, work from Murthal to Karnal is in progress and work from Karnal to Ambala is yet to be sanctioned. The progress of work on Murthal-Karnal Section by the Contractors had been slow. The contractor to whom the work in Km. 50 to 74. 8 was awarded has been expelled and tenders have been re-invited for the execution of remaining work. For the contracts in Km. 74. 8 to Km. 130. 00, there has been hardly any progress for over an year because of dispute between the partners of the contracting firm which is a joint-venture and action is under consideration for accelerating the progress.

Ex-gratia payment to widows of NoYember, 1984 riot victim

234. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount of ex-gratia payment announced by Government for the widows of the November, 1984 riot victims in Delhi stating the number of families eligible for the payment of the amount announced; and

(b) what is the total number of families who have since received the amount of ex-gratia payment stating the reasons for the non-payment of the amount to the remaining families, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The families of those who died i n 1984 riots are eligible for ex-gratia grant of Rs. 20, 000/-. Delhi Administration has reported that ex-gratia payment has been made in 2513 cases out of 2733 eligible cases. In remaining cases, the next of the kin of the deceased have not applied for ex-gratia payment.

Changing political situation in Europe

235. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the development of relations between U. S. A. and U. S. S. R. during their